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THE FOUR LARGEST CATTLE IN THE WORLD.
(Poughkeepsie Cor. New York Evening Telegram January 18.)—The curiosity of the city has been greatly excited to day upon "bovine" matters—Mr. Geo. Ayrault is a well-to-do Dutch country farmer, a man who takes great pride in raising stock, fat cattle. In this branch of a farmer's business he has met with the greatest success; so great, in fact, as to be able to state to state with truthfulness that he has raised the four fattest steers in the world. The lightest one of them weighs three thousand and three hundred pounds, and the heaviest over four thousand pounds. The latter is named "George Peabody." Recently Mr. Ayrault sold these cattle to Mr. Lalor, of Fulton market, New York, for \$800 each, or \$3,200 for all.

They are purely American, having been calved on Mr. Ayrault's farm, and they are indeed wonderful to look upon. They were brought here from Mr. Ayrault's on huge bar-like sleds, being drawn into town one by one, the first two by six horses and the last two by twelve oxen.—As they passed through the city to the stables of the Northern Hotel, the crowds followed them, they moved were filled with men and women peering down upon the monstrous masses of flesh. They are to remain here on exhibition till Friday, when they will be shipped to New York and there butchered, after which their hides are to be stuffed and placed in Central Park.

During the past year these animals have gained 1,460 pounds, or 350 pounds each. Their feed has been mostly meal and beets. A beautiful chromo lithograph of them has already been issued, and it is soon to be followed by a chart from Mr. Ayrault, giving particulars relative to their "bringing up." The heaviest pair weighs 1200 pounds heavier than any on record in this country or Europe. The English steer noticed in the Rural New Yorker as being a prize Christmas steer, weighing 2,150 pounds, falls short 1,120 when compared with Ayrault's lightest steer, a fact which may nerve our English brethren to more vigorous efforts in the future. The "bulls and bears" of Wall street should take a look at them when they arrive in your city, and note what they may yet come to.

THE HISTORY OF PEWS.—In Anglo Saxon and some of the Norman churches of early date, stone benches projected within the walls running around the whole interior except the east. In 1320 the people are represented as sitting on the ground or standing. About this time people introduced low, three legged stools, promiscuously over the church. Wooden seats were introduced soon after the Norman conquest.

In 1387 a decree was issued in regard to wrangling for seats so common, that none should call any seat in church his own, except nobleman and patens, each entering and holding the one first found.

As we approach the Reformation from 1530 to 1540, seats were more appropriated, the entrances being guarded by cross bars, and the initial letters engraved on them.

Immediately after the Reformation the pew system prevailed, and as we learn from a complaint the poor commoners made to Henry VIII in 1540, in reference to his decree that the bible should be in every church, at liberty for all to read, because they feared it might be taken into the "quire" or "pew."

In 1608 galleries were introduced. As early as 1614 pews were arranged to afford comfort by being raised or cushioned while the sides around were so high as to hide those within, a device of the Puritans to avoid being seen by the officers who reported those who did not stand when the name of Jesus was mentioned. The services were often protracted, so that many would fall asleep. With the reign of Charles II, the reason for the heightening of the sides of the pews disappeared.

LOVE MAKING.—Mr. Anthony Trollope says in one of his works:

Perhaps there is no period so pleasant among all the pleasant periods of love-making as that in which the intimacy between the lovers is assured, and the coming event so near, as to produce and endure conversation about the ordinary little matters of life; what can be done with the limited means of their disposal; how that life shall be begun which they shall lead together; what each can do for the other; what each will renounce for the other. There was a true sense of the delight of intimacy in the girl who declared that she had never loved her lover so well as when she told him how many pairs of stockings she had got. It is very sweet to gaze at the stars, and it is sweet to sit out among the haycocks. The reading of poetry together out of the same book, with brows all close, and arms all mingled, is very sweet; the pouring out of the whole heart in written words, which the writer knows would be held to be ridiculous by any eyes, and ears, and any sense but the eyes and ears and sense of the dear one to whom they are sent, is very sweet; but for the girl who has made a shirt for the man she loves, there has come a moment when she feels that it is sweeter than any stars, haycocks, poetry, or superlative epithets have produced.

The sparrows in the New York parks, it is reported, were so thoroughly deceived by the mild weather of last week as to commence to build their nests, and to make other arrangements to commence housekeeping. The sudden cold weather, however, has put a stop to the collection of materials.

MACHINISTS.

W. S. MOORE,

MACHINIST AND BLACKSMITH,

At No. 65 Union street, Alexandria, Va.

Where he is prepared to furnish all kinds of MACHINERY, WROUGHT AND CAST IRON FENCES, &c. Repairing done with dispatch, and at prices that were charged previous to the war. [a 20]

HIRAM A. WOOD, JAS. R. PRICE,

WOOD & PRICE,

MACHINISTS,

Having rented the shop formerly occupied by W. S. Moore, are prepared to do all work in their line with neatness and dispatch.

STEAM ENGINES built to order, and repair work of all kinds promptly attended to.

We respectfully solicit a share of the public patronage.

WOOD & PRICE,

Corner of Royal and Wilkes sts., Alexandria, Va.

G. W. JAMIESON, C. H. COLLINS,

JAMIESON & COLLINS,

IRON AND BRASS FOUNDERS,

COR. OF ROYAL & WILKES STS., ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Building Material, Mill Work and Castings of every description made at short notice.

Cash paid for old Iron and Brass.

sep 6—tf

GIAS AND STEAM FITTING

WM. COGAN,

No. 16 North Royal street.

Has constantly on hand a large and complete assortment of

CHANDLERS, BRACKETS, HASPS, PEDESTALS,

STATIONARY AND PORTABLE DROP LIGHTS IN VARIETY,

PORCELAINS, PHOTOGRAPH, MICA AND OTHER SHADES,

CUT, GROUND AND PLAIN GLOBES;

STEAM PIPE, GAGES, COCKS, VALVES,

and everything in the Steam Fitting Line.

Public Buildings and Dwellings furnished and fitted up with Gas in the most substantial and elegant manner.

Steam Work for Factories, Mills, &c., promptly and faithfully executed; all at prices which will give satisfaction.

my 8—tf

PHILIP PARK,

PRACTICAL PLUMBER,

No. 12 South Fairfax street.

The oldest and best established Plumbing establishment in the city. All work done with dispatch, and in the most durable and workmanlike manner. Satisfaction guaranteed.

JOBING done at short notice, and by himself, or the most experienced workmen. dec 1

CABINET FURNITURE, &c.

FURNITURE WHOLESALE & RETAIL.

TEPPER & BROS.,

GREEN & BROS.,

STEAM FURNITURE WORKS,

AND SAW MILLS,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Having fitted up our factory with the latest and most approved machinery, we are prepared to furnish all kinds of HOUSEHOLD, OFFICE and SCHOOL FURNITURE at the very lowest rates; and are also prepared to do all kinds of SAWING, TURNING, MOULDING, PLANING and CARVING in our line.

Work in exchange for Furniture, Walnut, Poplar, Oak, Maple, Birch and Cedar Logs. [a 8—tf]

JAMES H. DEVAUGHN,

No. 130, King street, Alexandria, Va.

Manufacturer and Dealer in

FURNITURE,

Looking Glasses, Hair, Cotton Top and Husk

Mattresses,

kept constantly on hand and made to order at reasonable prices. ap 20—tf

C. C. BRADLEY,

MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN

FURNITURE,

No. 206 Corner King and Alfred streets, Jan 1—[Jan] ALEXANDRIA, VA.

W. M. H. MUIR,

Manufacturer and Dealer in

ALL KINDS OF CABINET FURNITURE,

Chairs, Mattresses, Looking Glasses, &c. COR. KING & ST. ALFRED STS., ALEXANDRIA, VA. oct 22—tf

TUCKER & LUCAS,

FRANKLIN BRICKWORKS,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Having put in operation one of the

FRANKLIN BRICK MACHINES

in connection with their hand made brick, are now prepared to furnish at 15 per cent cash less than any other works in the United States, BRICKS of the finest quality and most superior make.

Builders and others wishing BRICKS would do well to call and examine for themselves before purchasing elsewhere.

All orders entrusted to our care will receive prompt attention. [a 7—tf]

FOR SALE OR RENT.

THORN'S GUT FISHING SHORE, with about 45 acres of land attached.

This fishery was fished for a number of years until the beginning of the war, and was considered one of the best Fishing Shores on the Potomac river.

Terms reasonable. Apply to J. W. MITCHELL, Port Tobacco, Charles county, Md., or Jan 10—[a 20]

T. A. BREWIS, [Port Tobacco Times two weeks, and send bill.]

GREAT INDUCEMENTS!

Everything cheap! Low prices attractive!

FANCY GOODS AND NOTIONS, of every description, in great variety, can be purchased very cheaply.

CHAS. W. GREEN'S,

68 King street

RUFUS SMITH,

of Virginia, has opened a

FIRST CLASS BOARDING HOUSE,

At 483 Tenth street, west side, (near Penna. avenue.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Where he will use his best endeavors to please his guests.

OFFICES FOR RENT.

FIVE new and desirable OFFICES for rent, over the new Market House Building, with gas fixtures and other conveniences. Possession can be given by the 1st of January. Enquire of

THOS. WHITTINGTON,

Clerk of the Market.

dec 22—1m

ITALIAN MACARONI, French Mustard,

English Pickles, Sauces, Catupps, &c.

G. W. RAMSAY, 147 King st.

jan 7

GROCERIES.

W. M. F. BROOKES,

(Successor to Brookes & Taylor.)

FAMILY GROCER,

Corner Pitt and Prince streets,

And Dealer in

Fine Teas, Coffees, Sugars, Pickles, American and English, Canned Goods, Tobacco, Segars, &c., &c.

N. B.—All orders from the country shall receive prompt attention. dec 7

GROCERIES.

Having just returned from the North, where I, with great care, have selected a very choice lot of GROCERIES, consisting of every article found in the grocery line, I would invite a call from my friends and the public generally. In my stock can be found—

Sugars, Teas and Coffees, of all grades.

Brands, Wines, Whiskies, &c., Foreign and Domestic.

Preserved Fruits, in cans and jars.

Jellies, Sauces, Catupps, &c.

American Pickles, in jars and bbls.

Also Cross and Blackwell's Pickles.

Flour—Fine, Super, Extra and Family.

Tobacco—Smoking and Chewing, of all kinds.

Cigars and Cigarettes, of the finest quality.

Soaps—Common, Patent and Toilet.

Syrups and Molasses.

Fine Salts, in sacks, small bags and boxes.

Candles—Sperm, Adamantine and Tallow.

Vinegar—Common, Cider and White Wine.

Vegetables, in cans and jars.

Nuts—Walnuts, Pecans, Almonds, &c.

Boxed Fruits, such as Citron, Figs and Raisins, in quarter, half and whole boxes; also, Seedless Raisins, Dates, Mince Meat and Currants.

A large lot of Wood and Willow Ware, Brooms, Country and Sugar-cured, covered and uncovered.

Shoulders, Breast Pieces and Sides.

And every other article found in a first-class grocery store, and which I purpose to sell cheap for cash. Give me a call.

nov 13—tf

F. RECKER,

Dealer in

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, WINES, LIQUORS, &c., &c.

Cor. King and St. Asaph sts.

Country Produce bought at the highest market price.

Goods delivered to any part of the city free of charge. my 8—tf

G. W. RAMSAY,

(Successor to Hough & Ramsay.)

GROCER.

And Dealer in Fine Teas, Tobacco, Cigars, Canned Goods, English and American Pickles, Sauces, Jellies, &c.

147 King street.

Personal attention given to orders from the country. jan 18—tf

F. G. SWAINE,

No. 22 North Royal st.

[Two doors south of old stand.]

Has on hand and is constantly receiving fresh

GROCERIES, WINES & LIQUORS,

which he will sell cheap for cash. to 26

J. CLINTON MILBURN,

FAMILY GROCER,

And Dealer in FINE TEAS, WINES, LIQUORS and CIGARS.

Cor. Cameron and Royal sts., Alexandria, Va.

Particular attention paid to the selection of choice Flour and Teas. my 28—tf

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AT BERRY'S

IN GREAT VARIETY.

Ladies' Lace Collars, Cuffs and Handkerchiefs, real and imitation; French embroidered, &c., in beautiful patterns.

Also, all kinds of Linen Collars, Cuffs and Handkerchiefs.

Silk and Satin Dresses of all kinds, colors and widths; Silk and Satin Suits; Trunks; Roman and Plain Boxes in different patterns.

All kinds of DOLLS; French Patent and Unpatented Leather Doll Heads; Beautiful Wax Dolls with real hair curls, and of all sizes and at all prices.

Several new novelties in the TOY LINE.—Bohemian Toilet Sets and Vases; Work Boxes and Writing Desks of beautiful workmanship; China Cups and Saucers, Tea and Dinner Sets, Match Boxes, Soap Dishes, Watch Cases, Wax Figures and Card Baskets.

JEWELRY in endless variety: Perfumed Necklaces and Sets; Bracelets, Arab and Shawl Pins; Sleeve Buttons and Watch Chains, Agate, Brilliant, Jet, Coral and many other kinds of Sets.

Segar Stands, Slipper Patterns in plain and Tufted work; Lubin's, Barney's, Platon's and other popular Perfumes; English and French Hair Brushes, fancy and plain back, and all articles pertaining to the toilet, all of which are suitable for HOLIDAY PRESENTS, and are to be sold at very low prices. Call and examine. [dec 14] C. C. BERRY, 72 King st.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

R. J. MILLER

Has just received an unusually large and beautiful assortment of

GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS,

consisting of Plain White and Gold Band China Dinner Sets, French China Vases.

Rich Gift and Decorated Mugs and Coffers. Parian Statuettes.

Vases.

Match Boxes.

Bohemian Glass Vases, very rich and elegant.

Bohemian Toilet Sets, Spoon Holders, Cologne Bottles and Mugs, and TOYS for children in great variety, all of which are offered at very low prices. Call and see them at

dec 15—m 65 King street.

NOTICE.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 7, 1870.—In pursuance of the terms of the charter of the Potomac Iron Company, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stockholders of the said Company will be held at the office of Samuel Wagner, Jr., Esq., No. 33 south Third street, in the city of Philadelphia, on MONDAY, the seventh day of January, instant, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing Directors, and for the transaction of other business as the interests of the Company may require.

By order of the Directors:

DAVID LONGENECKER, Pres.

Philadelphia, Jan. 6—6t

HAY! HAY! HAY!

In store and arriving daily fifty tons of clear HAY! HAY! For sale by the load, horse-bushel, by

JAS. E. HENDERSON,

Theatre Building.

NOTICE.

From this date we offer our stock of GROCERIES at reduced rates for cash

jan 1—w **J. GRIGG, 120 King st.**

FOR RENT—THE STORE on the southwest

corner of King and Water streets, now occupied by Gwin, Beckham & Co. For session given the 1st of January, 1870. Apply to

dec 25—tf **H. O. CLAGHTON.**

SETH AINOLD'S BALSAM.

The Cordial, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, Runnells' Cough Remedy, Jany's Expectoant, received and for sale wholesale and retail by

dec 21 **JANNEY & CO.**

MACKEREL—Nos. 1, 2 and 3—the barrel,

kit or dozen.

W. M. F. BROOKES,

106 Prince street.

YARMOUTH BLOATERS, a delicious

smoked herring, sweetened and for sale by

AVERY & DAVIDSON,

226 King st., cor. Alfred.

dec 18

ROLL BUTTER—One 50 lb prime Roll But-